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REMARKS

Currently Claims 1-31 are pending. Claims 3-4, 6-8, 10-11, 15, 17-21, 24, and 27 have been amended to place them in form appropriate to US practice and to

reduce the filing fee by removing multiple dependencies.

The specification has been amended to include a reference to related applications/claim of priority to the corresponding PCT application and foreign filed

application.

Applicant has attached an Abstract on a separate sheet of paper as required by

US practice.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for

examination and respectfully request the early consideration thereof and the issuance

of a Notice of Allowance forthwith.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and

future replies, to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, particularly including

any fees required under 37 CFR Sect 1.16 or 1.17, and any necessary extension of

time fees, to deposit Account No. 07-1392.

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